

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

In the data protection processing device, the protection key adding position determining section or the protection key removal position determining section
5 determines as to whether or not received digital data meets predetermined adding conditions. If the data meets the predetermined adding conditions, encoding and decoding are performed by adding or subtracting a predetermined protection key value to digital data when a predetermined
10 number of items of digital data have been received after the above determination in the protection key adding position determining section or protection key removal position determining section.